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DHS Responses to Open Records Requests in February 2012

The DHS responds to numerous requests for public records. Requests for confidential records by people who are permitted by law to receive them are not listed here.

- On Feb. 1 the department responded to a Jan. 23 email request for information from George Porette of Besler Consulting, which has offices in three states. Mr. Porette wanted Medicaid eligibility codes, match rates, and other specifics regarding the Medicaid program that reimburses hospitals for uncompensated care. On Feb. 3 the department answered Mr. Porette's follow-up questions. There was no charge.
- On Feb. 1 the department responded to a Jan. 31 email request from Damien Loden of Apex Systems, Inc., in Austin, Texas. Mr. Loden wanted an organizational chart of the department's information technology department. A copy of the table of organization was sent to him. There was no charge.
- On Feb. 10 the department responded to a Jan. 30 request from Lynn Campbell of Iowa Politics.com. Lynn wanted information on how many DHS employees had been disciplined for improper Internet use in 2011, what the DHS does to prevent improper use, employee rules, etc. There was no charge.
- On Feb. 22 and Feb. 24, the department responded to several requests by Brad Bosworth of Nevada, Iowa. Brad wanted documents from 12 years ago that shaped the way child support records are maintained and shared with counties. There was no charge.
- On Feb. 24 the department responded to a Feb. 21 request from Bruce Bell of WellPoint, Inc., a consultant based in Thousand Oaks, Ca. Mr. Bell wanted information on how and why Meridian Health Plan was selected by Iowa Medicaid to provide HMO services in several counties. The process was explained to him. There was no charge.
- On Feb. 29 the department responded to a Feb. 22 request from Trish O'Hara of PsychSearch, a Clearwater, Fla., organization that gathers information for journalists regarding "problematic areas of psychiatry." Ms. O'Hara wanted information that Iowa Medicaid sent to Sen. Charles Grassley regarding the prevention of prescription drug abuse. The information was provided. There was no charge.